Tweeting Our Successes to Engage Our Community



Northeastern Middle School is Making it Happen!



WE ARE

NMS proudly serves the students and families of Northeastern Wayne Schools, focusing our educational efforts on students in grades 6-8. The Northeastern Wayne School Corporation is located in the northeastern sector of Wayne County. The school enrolls approximately 300 students.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Student demographics include 97% Caucasian, 1% American Indian, and 2% Multiracial. Additionally, 55% is paid lunch, 34% is free, and 11% is reduced. Northeastern Middle School receives Title I funding.

OUR TEACHERS

Grade level teams support student achievement. Each team consists of ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and P.E./Health teachers. Additional support staff includes Special Education staff and a Guidance Counselor. Building leadership includes a Principal and Dean of Students. Staff members engage in weekly professional development to improve teaching and learning.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

Northeastern Middle School uses Twitter to celebrate and engage students, staff, and families. We pride ourselves on communicating with all stakeholders. Teachers expand their professional network by following others and sharing best practices. Building leadership tweets pictures of students engaged in daily learning activities to inform parents of positive educational experiences. which also encourages dialogue between parents and their children. Student achievement improves as teachers see the learning that is happening in their colleagues' classrooms. Teachers network with other teachers in different districts gaining additional instructional strategies and resources. Community groups also stay current by following NMS on Twitter.

OUR STEPS

Northeastern Middle School teachers have individual classroom Twitter accounts and follow the school Twitter account. Staff members are encouraged to tweet positive happenings such as classroom learning activities, athletic/club events, teaching resources, and much more. Teachers share classroom resources with each other and extend their professional networking with teachers in other districts. Students and families are encouraged to follow NMS and classroom teachers on Twitter to keep informed about school. Twitter has encouraged our staff to continue to learn and grow while at the same time celebrating our successes.

IN OUR OWN WORDS

"Having NMS and our school system on social media has helped me stay in the loop with what is going on. I really enjoy seeing daily interactions with students and staff during the school year. Thank you Northeastern School System for being in the KNOW!" Beth Beatty, NMS Parent "Twitter has been a great way to gather new ideas and to keep up with all of the hot topics in education. I feel that it has helped me to create an even larger toolbox of ideas and strategies." Mallorie Dill, 6th Grade Teacher "Basically Twitter is an unlimited resource. I have gotten many ideas and shared them with colleagues." Janel Wetzel, 7th Grade Teacher

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